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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: WAIVER OF PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN SHIP MODIFICATIONS -  
DETERMINATION

Ref: (a) CNO memo Ser N60/8U558539 of 19 Oct 98  
(b) SECDEF memorandum dated 07 Aug 98 on DOD Y2K  
compliance  
(c) Ships and Aircraft Supplemental Data Tables, 10 Jun 98

1. Section 8053 of the Fiscal Year 1998 (FY98) Department of Defense Appropriations Act, P.L. 105-56 prohibits the use of FY98 or later appropriations "to modify an aircraft, weapon, ship or other item of equipment, that the Military Department concerned plans to retire or otherwise dispose of within five years after completion of the modification." The prohibition may be waived by the Secretary of a Military Department if the Secretary "determines it is in the best national security interest of the United States to provide such waiver and so notifies the Congressional Defense Committees in writing."

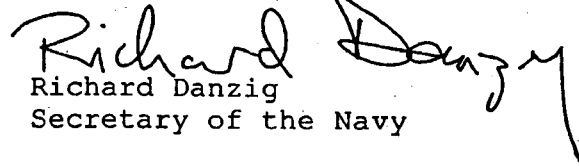
2. As documented in reference (a), FY99 funded upgrades for USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64), USS KINKAID (DD 965), USS HEWITT (DD 966), USS O'BRIEN (DD 975), USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981), USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8), USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9), USS CLARK (FFG 11), USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12), USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13), USS SIDES (FFG 14), USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15), USS JOHN A MOORE (FFG 19), USS BOONE (FFG 28), USS CURTS (FFG 38), USS THACH (FFG 43), USS KLAHRING (FFG 42), USS AUSTIN (LPD 4), USS OGDEN (LPD 5), USS HOUSTON (SSN 713), USS NORFOLK (SSN 714), USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729), USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728), USS OHIO (SSBN 726), USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727), USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSN 642), USS BREMERTON (SSN 698), and USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699) involve installation of mission-essential year 2000 (Y2K) Command and Control, Computer, Communication and Intelligence (C4I) upgrades. These upgrades install the Global Command and Control System-Maritime (GCCS-M), Navy EHF Satellite Communications Program (NESP), and Navy Tactical Command and Support System (NTCSS). These systems support survivable tactical communications, intermediate and organizational level maintenance, inventory and financial control, personnel administrative management, and a near-real-time, fused situational awareness picture for decision makers. Installation of the upgrades also provides Y2K compliant logistics and global command and control capability. These upgrades will be completed within five years of planned decommissioning dates for all the above listed ships.

Enclosures

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3. All equipment to be installed in connection with these upgrades is separable from the ships. This equipment will be removed upon decommissioning.

4. I hereby determine it is in the best national security interest of the United States to waive the prohibition of Section 8053 for the purpose of completion of the foregoing FY99 funded ship modifications for all of the above mentioned ships.

  
Richard Danzig  
Secretary of the Navy